

# 34

PATENT  
450100-4414.1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Motoki Kato  
Serial No. : continuation of 09/061,581  
For : SIGNAL CODING METHOD, SIGNAL CODING  
APPARATUS, SIGNAL RECORDING MEDIUM, AND  
SIGNAL TRANSMISSION METHOD  
Filed : herewith  
Examiner : S. An (parent application)  
Art Unit : 2613 (parent application)

745 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10151  
(212)588-0800

**EXPRESS MAIL**

Mailing Label Number: EL819160791US

Date of Deposit: December 27, 2001

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

*Barnet Shindlman*  
(Typed or printed name of person mailing paper or fee)

*Barnet Shindlman*  
(Signature of person mailing paper or fee)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced application on the merits, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

1603291-123001